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SUBJ: SENEGALESE SENSITIVE TO ALGERIAN ATTACKS, MAY EXPEL
RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT

1. DESPITE SENEGAL'S OFFICIAL ANNOUNCED INTENTION NOT TO RESPOND TO ALGERIAN CRITICISM OVER SPANISH SAHARA AND SENEGALESE CULTURAL POLICIES (DAKAR 7093), FEELINGS CONTINUE TO RUN HIGH IN DAKAR AGAINST ALGERIA. ON JANUARY 22 PRESIDENT SENGHOR TOLD AMBASSADOR AGGREY AHT HE WAS CONSIDERING EXPELLING DIRECTOR OF USSR CULTURAL CENTER IN SENEGAL, WHO HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTING ALGERIAN MATERIALS CRITICAL OF SENGHOR AND SENEGAL'S POSITION ON VARIOUS AFRICAN ISSUES. (HOWEVER, HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE NO ACTION PRIOR TO HIS VISIT TO MARTINIQUE IN MID-FEBRUARY (DAKAR 0495), SINCE HE DID NOT WANT TO BE EMBARRASSED BY DEMONSTRATORS AGAINST EXPULSION WHEN HE VISITED LONGTIME FRIEND AIME CESAIRE, COMMUNIST MAYOR OF FORT DE FRANCE.

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2. ON TWO SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN LATE DECEMBER, DAKAR
DAILY LE SOLEIL PUBLISHED RESPONSE OF "CENTERFOR SOCIALIST
REFLECTION AND PERSPECTIVES" OF GOVERNING UPS PARTY TO
ATTACKS APPEARING IN ALGERIAN PRESS AGAINST SENGHOR'S
PHILOSOPHY OF NEGRITUDE. ARTICLE NOTES THAT ALGERIAN JOURNALISTS
SEEMED TO CONSIDER ARAB CULTURE "TRUE CULTURE" WHICH MUST
EXTEND ITSELF TO ALL AFRICA, WHILE NEGRITUDE, AS CULTURE OF
NEGROES, WAS "ANTICULTURE" WHICH MUST BE DESTROYED. "IT IS
THUS OUR ALGERIAN BROTHERS WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED
RACISTS. THEY WOULD THEN BE THE ONLY ONES IN AFRICA. THAT,
ALL AFRICA MUST KNOW." ARTICLE POINTED OUT THAT SENGHOR HAD
INTRODUCED TEACHING OF ARABIC UNDER COLONIAL REGIME AND HAD
ALSO DECIDED THAT SOME MIDDLE AND SECONDARY LEVEL STUDENTS
IN SENEGAL WILL BE OBLIGED, STARTING IN 1976, TO CHOOSE
BETWEEN STUDYING EITHER ARABIC OR LATIN AS "CLASSICAL"
LANGUAGE. EMBASSY HAS POUCHED COPIES OF ARTICLE TO ALGIERS
AND DEPARTMENT.
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